

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

One or more networking apparatuses are employed to practice a networking method that improves a first networking device's likelihood in meeting its service

- 5 level goals/commitments for a first group of network traffic serviced by the first networking device. Determination is made, away from the networking device, on whether the first network device is meeting the service level goals/commitments for the first group of network traffic. Determination may include monitoring the first group of network traffic at or away from the networking device. If the service level
- 10 goals/commitments are not being met, a second group of network traffic (also serviced by the first networking device) is regulated. Regulation may be made at the networking device or away from the network device. Additionally, if the condition for regulation no longer presents, regulation may be moderated or removed. Further, the service level goals/commitments may include reliability and/or performance
- 15 goals/commitments.